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TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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Parks & Recreation Department

Bruce Till
Superintendent

NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:32PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Board: Jon Boni, Bill DeBlasio, Bernie Feeney, Eileen Francolino, Ken Leggo, Ed Marchion, Bob Tofeldt, Mary Udice and Don Woods

Board Members Absent: Jeff Hedberg

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

Town Liaison: None present

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2011

MOTION: Mary Udice made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2011. Bob Tofeldt seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011 was unanimously approved with a 9-0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The May monthly report was distributed at the meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

EXTRAVAGANZA

The Extravaganza Committee met tonight and things are progressing well. Another meeting was set up for July 5.

MILL POND UPDATE

A contract was awarded to CT Carpentry Corporation with the base bid of \$89,800. This is part of the \$150,000 grant. The bridge by the tennis court will be done most likely after the Extravaganza. A crane would need to be brought in and both sides would need to be dropped in which may increase the projected cost of the bridge. The other bridge by the stairway has been looked at and the department is currently waiting for figures which will determine if the other bridge will be replaced or repaired. The playground will be patched. Mary Udice asked when the patching would be completed. Bruce Till answered that it would be done during the summer.

CLEM LEMIRE FIELD

The work at the Clem Lemire Field is moving along on schedule. The Building Committee recently approved up to \$6,000 to put stone under the soft spots on the field. A new transformer was originally bid as a single electrical phase may be an add-on to a triple electrical phase but this will be discussed at the next meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

SUMMER PROGRAMS

The summer guide is out and the department is busy taking registrations for all the summer programs. There has been various training sessions for the camp & aquatics staff. Mary Udice asked if Camp Sunrise is included in this and Bruce Till answered yes.

SOCCER

There was a soccer tournament over the weekend. Bruce Till went over there to check on the field conditions and spoke to those running the tournament. Bruce Till received two e-mails regarding a travel coach that the Soccer Club of Newington had to let go. Bruce Till is waiting for a response from members of the Soccer Club. Members of the board may receive calls from parents or other coaches on this; those calls should be directed to Bruce Till.

Eileen Francolino stated that there are two teams of young men who are looking for fields to play on. They have been advised that some fields are booked and that obtaining a permit may be necessary. Eileen Francolino advised that they may be contacting the Parks & Recreation office on this matter.

SKATEPARK

Bill DeBlasio has contacted Mrs. Wrobel and the skatepark will be repainted on the morning of July 8. John Boyle donated the purple paint. Home Depot donated some painting supplies. Bill DeBlasio will be there to supervise this and at this time there are a dozen kids who volunteered to paint. Bill DeBlasio asked about the cracks being repaired first. Bruce Till said the department is very busy at this time that painting would be need to be done first. Don Woods asked about the memorial garden. Bruce Till said that Mr. Wrobel would now like a weeping cherry tree. Mrs. Wrobel looked into the granite stone but the cost may be too great to have it engraved. There will be a memorial plaque that will be fixed to a concrete base or a boulder in the future.

PARK MAINTAINER

There are 2 openings for a full-time Park Maintainer. There have been many applicants and interviews will begin Thursday which included an oral interview and practical test. Hopefully, the department will hire someone before the Extravaganza.

Bruce Till also mentioned that the duckweed at the ponds was treated last week and there will be another application. The pathway that Rose Lyons had addressed last month had been mowed and cleaned. Bruce Till also mentioned that the Eagle project was done in which they cleaned up an area in back of the Churchill parking lot and planted perennials donated from Stonehenge.

Mary Udice wanted to pass on that Sandy Nafis was interested in some publicity being done regarding the 10 year anniversary of the Mill Pond Playground.

Bill DeBlasio stated that the breakaways that hold the bases in Volunteer field are in disrepair. Bruce Till stated that if the Little League Baseball Association had bases then Parks & Recreation could install them. Jon Boni recommended that Bruce Till meet with a sports/exercise/ mental conditioning consultant who specializes in working with parents who volunteer as coaches. She has expressed interested in working with Parks & Recreation department. Jon Boni passed on her resume to Bruce Till who would review it. Bruce Till thought she could be brought in possibly once the Sports Council is set up.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Bill DeBlasio to adjourn, Ken Leggo seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM with a 9-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Loralyn Callahan